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The Honorable Nelva Gonzales Ramos
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Via US Postal Service 9505 5000 1897 6356 0000 56

Dear Judge Ramos:

I am writing to you as a resident of Texas and a Republican Presidential Elector, who represented the 30th Congressional District. I am not an attorney, but nonetheless concerned about a case I believe returned to your docket: the Texas voter identification law.

This year when I attempted to vote early as allowed under Texas Election Code I was denied the opportunity because I did not have my photo identification with me. I did not know anything about the agreement between the plaintiffs and defendants about identification requirements. What I do know is I had left my wallet in my family van while my vehicle was having repairs completed. I knew that people voted without identification if they had their voter identification card and some other sort of documentation such as a utility bill.

In my case I had my city water bill, my cable bill, and my county issued voter card. As I understand it I should have been allowed to cast a provisional ballot. I was not. I write this because after not being able to cast a ballot I was disheartened. I have never missed an election in my life until this one.

Worse, going out of the area I had to make special arrangements to vote which I did because I believe it is both a civic obligation and opportunity. When I went to a second voting location to do this I was told someone else had cast my ballot on a day I was not even in the area. My ballot was cast at a location I am not familiar with and after a Public Information Request it appears no identification was required to vote in the second location. The voter log signature is at best, scribble, and not a signature at all. It is certainly not mine.

All of this leads me to ask you to pick a course and run with it. Either we are required to have identification and it is equally enforced, or we should find the identification requirement unconstitutional and move forward. I am not sure which I prefer, but I know that the fact my ballot was stolen from me is offensive. Granted I had a second opportunity to vote for President as a member of the Electoral College, but I do not show up to vote every four years just for that. I am a voting addict and try to be informed about every race I am asked to cast a ballot in, every year in primaries, in run offs, and in general elections.

Respectfully I ask you to please restore integrity to our elections by paving a way for none to be disenfranchised, but all to be treated fairly. If I can be of any assistance I am happy to do so, but given the platform of the position I held in this most recent Presidential election I feel it important to speak out about voting access issues, and since they affected me I clearly want my voice heard. Unfortunately thus far neither local, not state authorities are acting in a manner I would consider responsible or conducive to voter participation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I wish you a Merry Christmas and I remain respectfully yours,

In friendship and service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen C Suprun Jr.', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Stephen C Suprun Jr.
Presidential Elector
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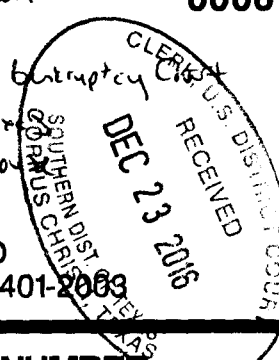
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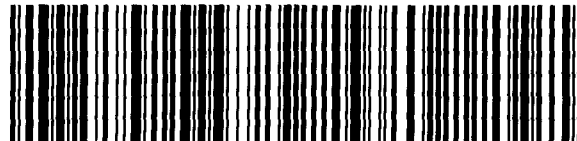
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